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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is a U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application entitled: Method For Forming An Opening In A Light-Absorbing Layer On A Mask

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and including:

- ☒ Eleven (11) pages of description (before the claims);
- ☒ Four (4) pages of claims ((12) total claims; (1) independent claim);
- ☒ One (1) Sheet of Abstract;
- ☒ Two (2) sheets of drawings including Figures 1-4.

1. Also enclosed are:
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> This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§119 and/or 365 to German Application No. 10309266.8 filed on March 4, 2003, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

3. ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first heading the following paragraph:

> This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application No._____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

4. ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first heading the following paragraph:

> This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to U.S. Patent Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

5. ☒ A certified copy of the priority application ☐ is enclosed ☒ will follow.

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If multiple dependent claims are presented, add $290.00					
Total Application Fee					$770.00
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